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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Election of officers

1 The Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts (JIGE) will continue with the same officers as for the seventh session, who were Mr. G. G. Ivanov (Russian Federation), Chairman, Mr. I. Melo Ruiz (Mexico) and Mr. Karl-Johan Gombrii (Norway), Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Zengjie Zhu (China), Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. If, however, any of these officers is unavailable or unable to continue in office, a replacement should be elected from the same geographical region.[1]

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2 Following the resolution adopted by the United Nations/IMO Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages,[2] the seventh session of the Joint Group was held in Geneva, in December 1994, to examine the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Seagoing Ships, 1952. The Joint Group, having considered the matter, prepared a set of draft articles for a convention on arrest of ships. It held a brief exchange of views on the draft articles and agreed to discuss them further at its next session in London.

3 The Joint Intergovernemtal Group may wish, after the adoption of the agenda, to set up a sessional group of the whole, presided over by the Chairman, to undertake the substantive work of the session. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will hold a closing plenary meeting on 12 October 1995 to consider the work of its sessional group and to adopt the draft report on its eighth session.

4 The Joint Intergovernmental Group may wish to take decisions concerning the organization of its work in the light of these arrangements.[3]

Item 3 Consideration of the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952

5 In order to facilitate the work of the Joint Intergovernmental Group, the secretariats of UNCTAD and IMO have prepared revised draft articles for a convention on arrest of ships, taking account of the discussions at the seventh session.[4]

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[1] According to the "Common Understanding to be followed by the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts" adopted by the JIGE at its first session (document JIGE(1)/4, TD/B/C.4/AC.8/4, LEG/MLM/4, annex II), the JIGE will have one Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen. One of the Vice-Chairmen shall be designated as Rapporteur by the JIGE. These officers will hold office for the duration of the JIGE. If any of the officers becomes unavailable or is unable to continue in office, a replacement will be elected from the same geographical region. (See paras. 1 and 2 of the Common Understanding)

[2] See the report of the Conference (A/CONF.162/8), annex I.

[3] See section III below.

[4] Document JIGE(VIII)/2, issued by UNCTAD under cover of document TD/B/CN.4/GE.2/5, and by IMO under cover of document LEG/MLM/32.

Item 4 Provisional agenda and date of the next session

6 Suggestions for the provisional agenda for the next session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group will be submitted to the Group by the secretariats

Item 5 Other business

7 The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider any other business which may be submitted to it

Item 6 Adoption of the report of the eighth session

8 The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its eighth session

III. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

9 The eighth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group is scheduled to meet from 9 to 10 October 1995. It will, however, hold a closing plenary meeting to conclude its business and to adopt the report of the session on Thursday, 12 October 1995. The attached tentative schedule has been drawn up on the assumption that the Joint Intergovernmental Group will agree to set up the sessional group of the whole to undertake the substantive discussions at the session. The sessional group could commence its work on the morning of Monday, 9 October 1995.

10 Throughout the session, facilities will be available for morning and afternoon meetings with simultaneous interpretation. In accordance with the practice of IMO, morning meetings should be held from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with the exception of Monday, 9 October, when the meeting starts at 10 a.m. and afternoon meetings from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. There will be the usual breaks of thirty minutes for tea or coffee at 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on each day.

11 It will help to expedite proceedings if written proposals are submitted as early as possible in the session.

Proposed schedule of meetings

Monday 9 October 1995 a.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 1: Election of officers Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Sessional Group Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships
p.m.	Idem
Tuesday 10 October 1995 a.m./p.m.	Idem
Wednesday 11 October 1995 a.m./p.m.	Preparation of the draft report
Thursday 12 October 1995 p.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships Item 4: Provisional agenda and date of the next session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 5: Other business Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Joint Intergovernmental Group on its eighth session